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HHHS asks Haliburton County for \$1M

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Health Services has its eyes set on optimizing health and wellbeing in the county.

And \$1-million from the county will go a long way to achieving that goal.

Veronica Nelson, the Haliburton Highlands Health Services' interim president and CEO, and Melanie Klodt Wong, executive director of the health service foundation, asked Haliburton County council for \$1-million Oct. 11 to bolster diagnostic imaging services.

Optimizing diagnostic imaging in Haliburton County's health care system will cost as much as \$4.3-million.

"A little bit of sticker shock," said Klodt Wong. "The cost of this project is significantly more than we have raised in recent years."

The project's purse includes construction costs, the prices of the CT scanner and CT mammography gear, picture archive upgrades, and ultrasound replacement.

The HHHS foundation typically raises \$700,000 to \$800,000 annually. That covers upgrades and general equipment replacement, Klodt Wong said.

She acknowledged that the diagnostic imaging effort is a large undertaking, but it's importance to people dwarfs its magnitude. She said it's a need that shouldn't take many years to meet.

"They need these funds now," Klodt Wong said.

Hospitals receive limited provincial funding to cover operating expenses and

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Haliburton rocks

Fall is the perfect season for rock hounding. The Yours Outdoors experience runs until the snow flies out of various locations in Highlands East, and allows participants to identify and collect a variety of unique gems, rocks, and minerals with an experienced guide. For more photos, see inside this edition. /TIM YANO special to the Echo

Fleming student residence breaking ground

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

Those walking through the Sculpture Forest these days may notice something a little different.

No, it's not a new sculpture or additional signage to mark the routes; it's the starting stages of a new student residence for

Fleming College's Haliburton School of Art + Design (HSA+D). "This is going to be great," said Jim Blake, the curator of the Sculpture Forest, "we've needed this for a long time."

While the project has been in talks for years, locals have noticed recently that fencing has popped up in Glebe Park, with signs detailing the Haliburton Campus student residence; slated for a 2025 open-

ing.

According to Drew Van Parys, the executive vice president for finance and administrative services at Fleming College, the new residence will be a breath of fresh air. "The number one question we get when recruiting for the Haliburton campus is about housing," he said, "so this is a game

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Housing to address the needs of growing student population

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changer for the campus, and for the school.”

The accommodations will be split into two buildings, with a total of 47 beds spread out over three stories and will be a mixture of single, double, and accessible rooms. Van Parys noted that they are in the midst of unpacking the logistics surrounding staffing at the facility, but has confirmed that there will be staff support available on-site.

Van Parys shared that registration for HSA+D is climbing its way back to pre-pandemic numbers, with approximately 100 enrolled during the full-time semesters, and 1650 participating in the week-long seasonal courses this past summer. While these numbers continue to grow, there is an interest in curating and reformulating the programs offered at the arts college. “We are looking at revitalizing some programs, and adding some new ones as well,” said Van Parys.

He noted the economic impact of the residence will be substantial to the community. “Over our two terms (fall and winter), 100 students would spend approximately half a million dollars [in the community].” The addition of the week-long summer programs “would add significantly to that” he confirmed.

Van Parys believes that by adding this housing opportunity to the facility, it should ease the overall weight of housing in the community.

Traditionally, students have been left to their own devices when attending HSA+D, reaching out to community members and short-term rental units to have a roof over their heads. While the immersion of the students into the community has proven beneficial in some cases, others are fraught with problems as they navigate a lack of public transportation and affordable housing options.

Kat Schouten, a recent graduate from HSA+D agreed that the new student residence would elevate the school-



Fencing has been put up around the vicinity of the student residence construction site alongside the Sculpture Forest in Glebe Park. The major construction is expected to start in November of this year and continue until 2025. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

ing experience. “I have definitely met prospective students who had to decline their offer to come to the school because they haven’t had a place to live,” they said.

Schouten also noted that studio hours at the school go until 9 p.m., and many students aren’t able to take advantage of those hours due to prioritizing a ride home for the evening. Therefore, the residence would suddenly alleviate the pressures of sticking to a schedule. “When I moved up here, I wasn’t able to drive and would have loved the confidence in knowing that I could have stayed at a residence that was safe and close by to campus,” they said.

Jim Blake is enthusiastic about the build, despite the manageable challenges that have arisen as a result of having a construction site in the midst of a park that attracts thousands of people a year. Blake, the curator of the Sculpture Forest, also works as a consultant for the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC), and was a former instructor at HSA+D. As a result, he has been

advocating for this initiative for a long time. “There has to be a business case for something like this in the community,” he said, “and the groundwork is there to see that this was needed.”

Blake noted that in order for the project to be successful, there are a lot of moving pieces in the works; including the municipality of Dysart et al, the Nordic Ski Association, the Sculpture Forest, HCDC, and Fleming College. “We are keeping the lines of communication open,” he told the Echo, “and the developers have been very responsive to the invested stakeholders”

Construction on the buildings are projected for November of this year and will continue for the full year ahead, with the intention of welcoming students for the January 2025 term. When the rooms are not being utilized by HSA+D students, Van Parys welcomes the idea of hosting conferences and community events out of the facility upon its completion.

CT gear will help draw physicians: HHHS

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nominal contributions towards minor medical equipment, Klodt Wong said. “Health boards have complex jobs including upholding standards of safe, quality care, overseeing the finances of multi-million-dollar organization and setting the strategic and master plans.”

Funding from the provincial government is limited to operating expenses and “nominal contributions towards minor medical equipment,” she said.

“Foundations were created to take the pressure off hospital services to fundraise for needs not covered by the Ontario government.”

There are four annual fundraisers that support local health care. And there’s individual contributions from people and various groups and events.

Klodt Wong said \$6-million has been transferred to HHHS over about 14 years. That money secured such

equipment as a portable X-Ray machine, beds, telemetry, support for palliative care, and much more.

“We know there’s a lot of support for health care in the county,” Klodt Wong said. “However, we haven’t seen the influx of donations for health care here as you may see in larger centres.”

Cottagers who live in the area part-time tend to give about 30 per cent what they would donate to health service providers in their primary area of residence.

“We’re at a time when we need to open up avenues again to raise larger sums for bigger objectives,” she said.

Nelson said HHHS is grateful to the foundation and residents for the contributions that has enabled it to provide health care. State-of-the-art equipment is essential for accessible care and future growth in the region.

“We want everyone to benefit and everyone in our county deserves care locally at the minimum standard,” she said. “And that is having access to mammography and CT locally.”

Nelson said one of the first questions heard from people considering moving to Haliburton County is about the quality of health care. And, she said, one of the questions from physicians being courted to work at HHHS is about CT scanning availability.

“Many of them turn their heads and don’t decide to relocate here because we don’t have that digital tool that is really a necessity in primary care and emergency medicine,” Nelson said.

Having local CT scan capability will save \$200,000 in transporting patients outside the county for the service.

“And that doesn’t include those patients that are helicoptered out,” she said.

Klodt Wong said the \$1-million is essential to recruiting physicians and building the local health care system. And they would need the money in the next year.

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Maple takes a look at the cover of *Runs with the Stars*.



Bringing stories to life

Members of the Haliburton & District Lions Club, Abbey Gardens staff, Arts Council members, Janis Parker from Parker Pad & Printing, and At Last Forest School Students gathered with the horses at Abbey Gardens on Thursday, Oct. 5 for the unveiling of storyboards of *Runs With the Stars*, a children's book by Heather O'Connor about Ojibwe ponies. The boards were first used at this year's Bookapalooza and will now have a home with the Ojibwe ponies at Abbey Gardens for visitors to enjoy. The boards were donated by Parker Pad & Printing. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

Spooky season

Howe Creative Studio presented the opening of You Make Me Wanna Wail, an annual exhibition showcasing the work of Tiffany Howe and guest artists, this year David Partridge, for the month of October at the studio on Pine Ave. in Haliburton. The closing ritual will be held on Oct. 31 "at trick-or-treat time". Visit www.howecreative.ca/exhibitionsshow for more information. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



A bird sculpture created by Tiffany Howe.



Rock hounding guide John Etches guided a series of eager participants on Oct. 12 through the Schickler Occurrence outside of Wilberforce. The site lands right on the Canadian Shield, and boasts a variety of unique rocks and minerals unique to the region.



Like a rollin' stone

The Schickler Occurrence is one of the sites available for budding rock hounders to explore during the Yours Outdoors rock hounding experience. Situated in the heart of Highlands East, is has some of the most unique and accessible rock and mineral specimens in the world. /TIM YANO special to the Echo



One of the most sought after crystals on the rock hounding experience is red apatite. Once polished up, the gem resembles ruby-like colouring, and is quite rare. Sample of the stone can be found during the guided rock hounding experience.



Kim Buie celebrates after getting a spare during the Haliburton Red Wolves bowling practice.
/VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Jason Kitchener gives the peace sign.

Finding bravery and community with the Red Wolves

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

When walking through the doors of Fast Lane Bowling in Minden on a Wednesday afternoon, sounds of laughter, cheer, and the familiar, satisfying crashing of pins fills the ears.

Next comes the visual.

Ear to ear smiles, high fives, hugs, and thumbs up in the air paint a scene of companionship.

Finally, and undebatably best of all, is getting to converse with the most joyful, driven, accepting group of people in the county.

"It's about being a friend, it's about being visible in the community, it's about inclusion, it's about showing everyone their gifts," said Yvette Brauer, Haliburton Red Wolves volunteer and coach.

History

It's impossible to feel anything but happy around the athletes and volunteers, and it's no wonder the organization has been flourishing since 1996.

The Red Wolves are a group of local athletes with intellectual disabilities. Under the umbrella of Special Olympics Ontario (SOO), the local not-for-profit organization offers bowling, curling, Bocce, golf, softball, and shuffleboard.

All athletes are involved in bowling every Wednesday.

"Everyone's happy when they get a strike themselves, but if someone two lanes over gets a strike, they're just as happy," said Tracey Pratt, a Red Wolves volunteer. "Everyone's unconditionally supportive of each other. There's no judgement from anyone."

The organization was spearheaded by Linda Brandon 27 years ago.

"In 2007, Linda gave up the bowling ball and went back to school to become a teacher," said Brauer. "The rest is history. Here we are now."

Brauer was involved with the Haliburton County team in 2005 and has been involved with the team ever since.

Pratt has been an official volunteer since 2010, but has been involved with the team since her daughter Skylar became a Red Wolf in 2005.

A few of the volunteers reminisced on travelling to Charlottetown, PEI in 2018 with a group of athletes to the Special Olympic National Games and won a bronze, two silver medals, and a gold.

"We always have such a blast," said volunteer and coach Rick West. "I go to help out, to coach, but I learn so much more from them than I think they do of me."

The team today

There are currently 32 athletes on the Red Wolves team, and nearly as many volunteers.

Summer is busier, but athletes have the opportunity to see each other twice a week in the winter if they curl as well as bowl.

But again, it's not just about the sports. It's about all



the great things that come from bringing together a group of outstanding humans.

"Everyone's happy when they get a strike themselves, but if someone two lanes over gets a strike, they're just as happy," said Pratt. "Everyone's unconditionally supportive of each other. There's no judgement from anyone."

The volunteers said not only does the team build strong connections with each other, they also bond with the helpers.

"Volunteering means being a friend. The more we get together, the stronger friendships become. It builds community within the team as well. They support each other so much," Brauer explained. "You could be having a bad day, but once you go, you can't help but feel better."

West said competing in the Special Olympics also gives athletes a sense of independence.

"When we go away to compete, it's just coaches that go so it builds confidence within the athletes and their caregivers that they're very capable. Our athletes are so dedicated. They want to practice and learn. They have so much motivation," he said.

Bowl-A-Thon

Their annual Bowl-A-Thon has been a tradition since 2010.



Above, Brodie Mason enjoyed time with friends during practice.

Left, Russell Whetstone shows off his Toronto Maple Leafs bowling ball.

This year, the fundraiser will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28 at Fast Lane Bowling. There will be a flight from 2 to 4 p.m. and one from 4 to 6 p.m.

"Of all the money raised, our athletes have raised half themselves with their pledge sheets, and the money goes back to the athletes themselves," West said.

Funds are used to reduce or complete eliminate the cost of playing each sport and also helps send them to competitions.

There will be prizes for participants in a variety of categories, and everyone is encouraged to dress up for Halloween.

Teams can register for the Bowl-A-Thon by contacting West at 705-457-8855 or sending a message to the Haliburton Red Wolves on Facebook.

"It's always such a fun day, one of the best of the year for us. We can't wait," said West.

The team is always accepting new athletes and welcomes new volunteers, too.

"No matter their ability level, we're there to help and guide and coach," said Brauer.

Donations to the Haliburton Red Wolves can be made via e-transfer to haliburtonredwolves@gmail.com. Donations over \$20 are eligible for a tax receipt.

"We really are a big family. I know it sounds cheesy, but it's true," said Pratt.

HCDC settles into their new home

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton County Development Corporation's (HCDC) AGM was held on Oct. 4, and unlike a standard AGM, it drew quite a crowd.

The crowd had formed to witness the official opening of The Link. Located at 152 Haliburton County Rd 21, right next to Timber Mart, the new community hub houses HCDC offices, the new office for the Haliburton County Chamber of Commerce, the Business Development Bank of Canada, the Arts Council, and staff from the county's economic development and tourism department.

The space also offers a variety of meeting rooms, hot desks, and event spaces available for rent, with the idea that the community can gather together in one central location to network, collaborate, and grow.

The grand opening drew over 50 guests, with excitement building at the ribbon cutting, and continuing as they explored what the space had to offer. This was also the opportunity that the chair of HCDC, Pat Kennedy, took to the podium to share some big news. "HCDC has given out over 102 million dollars in loans," he shared with the crowd, "we're the first in Ontario to do that, and only the second in the country."

HCDC was developed in 1985 as a tool to support local businesses and not-for-profits with funding, support, loans, and counselling to ensure community economic growth.



The Haliburton County Development Corporation kicked off their AGM on Oct. 4 by cutting the ribbon to their new location, and announcing the community features of the Link facility. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

Once the official opening wrapped up, the AGM portion of the day kicked off. The AGM highlighted the fiscal year, which ran until March, 2023. The total dollars dispersed from the HCDC investment committee from April to March was \$5,063,032.

It was noted that the sector that predominantly received loans was the service sector, comprising of restaurants, landscaping, hair salons, accounting, and auto repair. This grouping received nearly 50 per cent of loans available, followed by tourism at 13.8 per cent, construction

at 9.8 per cent, manufacturing at 9.6 per cent, retail at 9.2 per cent, forestry at 5.2 per cent, and not-for-profits at 2.9.

Out of the 68 applications over the past year, the majority of the requests were for maintenance, followed by start-up initiatives, then expansion initiatives.

After the breakdown of the investment committee, Heather Reid spoke to the Local Initiatives Program (LIP), which is managed through the community economic development side of HCDC.

This past year, the LIP grant supported 26 projects, 94 partners, dispersed \$73,077, leveraged funds of \$164,805, and provided in-kind contributions of \$131,881, making the total LIP impact in Haliburton County \$241,225.

Reid went on to showcase a series of recipients of the LIP grant over the past year, including the Drop Zone in West Guilford and Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, and how the impacts of the LIP program have boosted the organizations to new levels.

The AGM concluded with a formal introduction to the Link space, which will now additionally house the HCDC incubator space, which formerly lived near the Haliburton Arena. Kat Schouten, the Link coordinator, shared that there has been a definite uptick in interest and need for the space in the community, and they are optimistic and positive about how the roll-out will continue for Haliburton County.

For information on the new space or to utilize the tools and resources of HCDC, visit www.thelinkhaliburton.ca.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

The deer debacle

OH, DEER.
Here we are still, about six months after the issue in question was brought to Dysart council.

A group of concerned residents brought their points to the table of Haliburton's leaders.

They told council about what they'd seen first-hand, their findings when carrying out research, and what they'd like to be done about it.

At that point, it looked fairly promising for those property owners.

The main points:

- deer are being fed in town
- there are too many
- they're causing vehicle collisions

- pets are at risk of sickness from deer waste

If you've been to town on any given day, you've seen a deer. You've probably seen way more than one.

Taking a step back, it seems like a bit of a comical issue to have.

When people outside of town ask me what's new in Haliburton, and I tell them about the deer debacle, they laugh.

"That's very 'Haliburton', to have a town full of deer."

And I can see why they think that.

A fairytale little town in the woods is overrun by Bambis and their babies, bucks with their antlers.

Picture Snow White's village.

But unfortunately, we don't live in a fairytale.

It turns out, having deer in close quarters to humans isn't all the Princess cracks it up to be.

Oh, deer indeed.

Like all big, real-life issues, there's no simple answer.

Especially when there are many sides to the story.

Other residents sell feed that contributes to the livelihood of their businesses, and have also brought their concerns to council - why they think

feeding deer is important.

The latest development is that the anti-deer-feeders have asked for a complete ban on feeding.

Council members said they don't know what steps to take next.

They left the delegation up in the air. Further discussion is on the table.

Again, I'm not sure anyone knows yet what the further discussion will be after hearing the extremes of the spectrum.

It's a difficult call for leaders to make when upset residents exist on either side.

When watching these delegations,

I've been surprised to see that deer experts, perhaps biologists or employees with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, haven't been at the forefront of this issue.

I know property and business owners have done their own extensive research, but I think it would greatly help the situation to have a non-biased party with knowledge on the animals themselves.

When hundreds of

big, live animals are concerned, we need to use resources available to us to put our best foot forward.

Their well-being is priority.

And this isn't to say each party isn't using credible sources, but it would bring credibility to points brought up by residents.

The fate of the deer actually should be in the hands of the MNRF.

Perhaps they should be extensively involved in all aspects of this deer feeding bylaw.

I'm certainly nothing close to a biologist or conservation officer, but I sure do think they would know what's best for the deer and what's best for the people in town.

Since the animals can't speak, let's give a voice to the humans that know them best.



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Editorial



Lovebirds on an autumn walk.

by Tammy Nash

Wooden you remember

THE MOON had just risen as he walked around the block. Sammy the dog didn't notice it but Jake did. Big and bright in a cloudless night sky, he wondered for the thousandth time at his good fortune living where he did. He could see the moon, hear a slight breeze rustling the dry autumn milkweeds and smell, the rich earthy scent of an October night.

But then he caught another smell and it surprised him. Who, he wondered, would be building something outdoors at this time of year? For what Jake caught was the scent of fresh lumber and he was immediately transported back in time. Smells can do that. People who know these things say smells are stored in the oldest part of our brains, invoking powerful memories.

Now Jake saw himself at the old family cottage. But it wasn't old - it was getting a new addition, and his father was doing the construction. Two by fours were being nailed together to form an interior wall, creating two rooms out of one. And Jake was right there, ready to help any way he could.

But when you're nine years old, your carpentry skills are still pretty rudimentary. However, his father, patient as ever, was explaining to his son what he was doing with his hammer and nails, and why. Jake watched and listened, one of the best ways to learn. He saw his father's arm muscles move as he pounded the hammer, watched him reach above his head holding a board with one hand while he set it in place.

It was the smell of fresh lumber that stood out for Jake that day. Woodsy for sure but more than that. Because that smell was also mixed with his father's sweat in the hot summer afternoon, the pine boughs wafting in through the wide-open cottage windows and just faintly, oh so faintly there was the river tumbling over granite. It was all mixed together into a sensory feast.

And Jake knew what came next because it had happened before. He was allowed to pick a small piece from the

sawdust spread across the floor for his own use. Under supervision and with much effort, he sawed the end of the scrap on each side to make a point. Like the bow of a boat. Next three two inch nails were hammered into the centre of the wood and presto - he had created a boat. A smaller nail went into the point to which Jake attached two feet of twine and with that, he headed down to the river. Ash leaves were stuck onto the centre nails for sails and he was ready to try it out.

It floated. The current pulled it along but Jake held on to the twine, not wanting to see his creation end up in the lake. He knew that tomorrow there

would be a little leftover white paint for him to finish the boat.

That was a long time ago, he now thought. The cottage was bigger and more elaborate, growing over the years to accommodate an expanding family and the desire for more creature comforts. His father had died two decades ago, though his memory was still very much alive for Jake.

He never became much of a carpenter himself. Tried as did, he never achieved the seemingly

careless ease with which the man could build almost anything when it came to hammer and nails. Or so it had always seemed to Jake.

Sammy was pulling on the leash and Jake realized the dog wanted him to stop for a minute beside the neighbour's fence post. Returning to the moon-lit present, Jake again wondered who was building at this unlikely time of year. And what were they making?

Maybe it was a father-son or father-daughter project. Perhaps there was teaching involved. Sawdust, nails and inspiration. There were many ways to learn, but doing it with love made the lesson stick all the more. Had his father realized how important those building days had been for Jake? Jake hoped he had. Like a moon-lit night, sometimes it was the little things that made for the best memories.

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I am, of course, referring to the fact that I defeated one Vladimir Putin in a series of on-line checkers matches. In fact, I beat him, three games in a row.

I know what you are thinking because Jenn thought the same thing.

"You know, the person you were playing on-line checkers with was not actually Vladimir Putin," she said.

"Oh yes it was," I countered.

"No," she said. "No, it was not."

"His on-line checkers moniker said 'Putin.' I mean why would anyone use a fake name on the Internet?" I replied.

"Why do you use Jake Jakerton?" she countered.

The answer was simple.

"First, because it is a very cool name. Second, because if I use my real name, dozens of big checkers scouts would be

beating a path to our door, and I would be having to field lucrative offers to join professional checkers teams. And, though it would be exciting, the money, adulation, and the fame would eventually ruin me," I said.

"Money? Adulation? Fame?" she repeated. "You don't want that?"

"If I did, do you think I would be writing these columns?" I said.

"Good point," she muttered.

Putin, I continued, already had all these things – so he had no reason to go by another name.

"Also, he has a brand to maintain. And what better way to bolster it, than competing in the glamorous world of on-line checkers?" I asked.

"So, you actually think you were playing against the real Vladimir Putin?" she said.

"Duh, yes," I replied. "I suspect he was probably trying to take his evil mind off all his troubles in the Ukraine and at home. He probably thought he could walk all over Jake Jakerton too. But he clearly messed with the wrong checkers player...."

Sadly, Jenn left the room before I could explain the far-reaching international implications of my victories. But just in case she's reading this, I will elaborate.

First off, after comrade Putin met his match, he probably was a little unnerved. After all, he is surrounded by a bunch of yes men who tell him that he is a strategic and tactical genius – or else.

But my masterful playing added a little bit of doubt and a large dose of humility to the mix – especially when I set him up for that triple jump in game two.

As a result, he's probably rethinking the whole Ukrainian invasion – and, at this moment, is trying to come up with an acceptable way to withdraw his troops.

After all, he has not been back on-line since.

I get it. The most obvious thing to believe is that someone else is using Putin's name for their on-line checkers persona. But have you ever considered that this is what Putin, a crafty ex-KGB officer, wants you to think.

Believe me, if he conducts his daily affairs like he moves his checkers pieces, he is a cunning fellow. Luckily, I was one step ahead of the old spy, thanks to all the Austin Powers movies. Plus, my father was the best checkers player that I ever saw – and I learned everything I know about the game from him.

So, yes, Putin may be devious. But that is nothing compared to my checkered past.



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The Principles of an Economic Charter of Rights

Seven common-sense principles for a new Economic Charter

SURVEY AFTER survey shows that Canadians regard our human Charter of Rights and Freedoms as this country's most important and enduring national symbol – and rightly so.

The Charter gives us a number of democratic rights, including freedom of expression and freedom of association, as well as the right to life and liberty.

But it's always been puzzling to me that we don't have an economic charter of rights, one that includes the right of workers to get a share of the wealth they help create.

In last week's column, I talked about the need to create an Economic Charter of Rights and

Responsibilities in Canada.

I believe Canada could become one of the first countries in the world to formally establish an

Economic Charter of Rights and Responsibilities. The charter would include rights that guarantee Canadians participation in the economy as well as responsibilities that oblige government to adopt a more fiscally sound approach when it comes to managing public finances.

In other words, an economic charter of rights would go a long way in terms of ensuring that our economy functions properly and that Canadians get a fair share of the profits they help produce.

I believe most Canadians would agree with the following seven common-sense rights and responsibilities. If adopted, they would create a healthier and more prosperous country and improve the living standards of all Canadians.

1. Reduce our mushrooming national debt by 5 percent per year for 20 years in order to be debt-free within two decades – the best legacy we can leave behind for our children and grandchildren.

2. Halt the out-of-control growth of government bureaucracy by cutting government overhead by 5 percent per year over the next decade.

3. Simplify our tax system by making it

straightforward, clear-cut and fair, while also eliminating loopholes, tax breaks and deductions for the rich and special interests.

4. Give workers a slice of the profits they help produce by making companies with more than 300 employees share 20 percent of their annual profits. Sharing profits ensure that wealth is spread more evenly within society.

5. Unleash Canada's small businesses by slashing red tape, removing regulatory burdens that stifle economic growth and productivity, and eliminating the business income tax. We need to give Canada's small business owners and entrepreneurs the runway they need to grow and hire more employees.

6. Reform our education system by introducing more skilled trades apprenticeships so young Canadians have greater career opportunities and access to good-paying jobs.

7. Ensure that every child in Canada has a healthy organic meal at school and learns about nutrition.

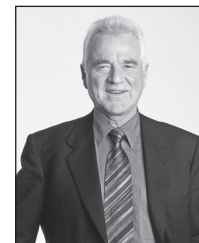
But we can only bring about these changes by sparking a national grassroots movement of concerned citizens who support the adoption of an economic charter of rights.

With an economic charter, we could rein in Canada's spiralling debt, restore balanced budgets, handcuff government spending, chop needless red tape and regulations, simplify and streamline our tax system, usher in profit sharing for millions of hard-working Canadians, and unshackle our country's entrepreneurs and small business owners.

The truth is, our human charter of rights alone is not sufficient – it needs to be fortified with an economic charter of rights.

Economic charters of rights will lead to economic democracies, and economic democracies are the basis for democracy itself.

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Principles

The Hazardous Algal Bloom (HAB) Challenge

With climate change raising lake water temperatures and shoreline development putting more nutrients into the water column, outbreaks of hazardous algal blooms (HABs) are on the rise across the region, including Haliburton and Muskoka watersheds.

With other human activities, like runoff from road salt, contributing to the decline of algae-eating zooplankton, we need to become better at understanding, predicting and dealing with the risks and challenges posed by Blue-Green Algae or Cyanobacterial blooms.

Thankfully, we have some of the world's leading algal experts living and working close at hand, including Dr. Norman Yan, an aquatic biologist with years of local scientific experience working out of the Dorset Environmental Science Centre and with the Friends of the Muskoka Watershed.

A growing number of Haliburton County residents are coming face-to-face with the impact hazardous algal blooms can pose for the health of family members and pets. Susan and Keith Hay endured an outbreak on the lake

where they reside in Dysart Township in 2020, which shut down simple acts previously taken for granted, such as washing hands, showering, and flushing the toilet with lake water.

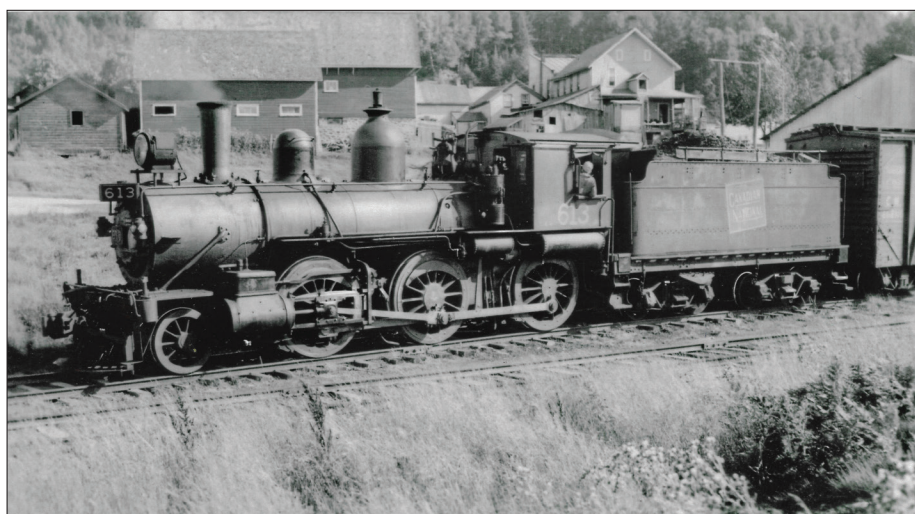
"All were potentially harmful", says Ms Hay, adding ... that "no type of water purification system could reliably make the water safe. Not chlorine, not boiling, not ultraviolet, not any type of filter."

The Hays ended up having to replace their lake-based water system with an expensive drilled well.

Environment Haliburton! (EH!) and the Friends of the Muskoka Watershed (FMW) have invited Dr. Yan to share the latest in HAB science on the causes of HABs and the preventative actions we can take to reduce the human and wider environmental risks.

This virtual presentation takes place on Tuesday Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. Please register in advance by visiting the EH! Website at www.environmenthaliburton.org.

Submitted by Environment Haliburton!



pic of the past

Haliburton is still recognizable in this photo, taken around 1939, of the CNR locomotive at the Haliburton railyards looking south toward Highland Street. In the background, you can see Wilson's barn and shed, now just known as "the Barn" and moving to the right, the location of the first Bank of Montreal, then the Freeman's 5-10 store, Highlander Hotel, then a vacant lot. To the east, a building behind the pesticide store. David Bishop brought this photo in to the *Echo*. He said it came from Steve Hill at the Haliburton Highlands Museum. /FILE

letters to the editor

A helping hand

To the Editor,

A heartfelt thank you to the young couple who helped to extricate us from our Subaru after our car was rammed by a pickup truck outside Donald on Thanksgiving Monday. They stopped to help us and called 911 and pulled us and our dog away from the upside down car, and waited for police and para-

medics to arrive. Luckily we were not hurt. I should have asked for their names but in the confusion I was just happy to be alive and forgot. Again, thank you so much-we will never forget your kindness.

Ingrid Bryan,
Haliburton

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New programs at Skyline Dance Studio

Zumba Gold:

Skyline Dance Studio is excited to introduce our newest adult program, Zumba Gold! Meghan Cox of Just Movement Fitness will be joining the Skyline team as their Certified Zumba Instructor. The Zumba Gold program kicks off on Thursday, October 19th at 12:15pm and will run for 8 sessions at a cost of \$120 (incl. tax). Drop-ins are welcome, \$20/class. For more dates, details and to register, visit www.skylinedancestudio.ca and click the "Sessions" tab.

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Start Date: Monday, Oct. 16
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During the Day

Thursdays from 10 to 10:45 and 11 to 11:45 a.m.

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HIFF: Love Is Stronger Than Fear

The first weekend in November is looking to be a shining time in Haliburton County.

From Friday, Nov. 3 at 7:15 p.m. until Sunday, Nov. 5 in the afternoon, we will journey around the world and right back to ourselves exploring and remembering who we truly are.

Our theme, Love is Stronger than Fear, comes shining through in these stories as the characters puzzle the pieces of their lives back together and find joy in more radiant ways.

Some of the films:

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry – 107 minutes, UK, drama

An ordinary man passes through life on the sidelines until the day he goes to mail a letter and just keeps walking. Starring Jim Broadbent and Penelope Wilton

Les Hommes De Ma Mère /My Mother's Men – 126 minutes, Canada, subtitles, drama

A woman sets out to honour her dead mother's wish that her ashes be distributed amongst her five ex-husbands to scatter in a place most significant to each of them. Starring Léane Labrèche-Dor, Jean-Simon Leduc, Colm Feore, Patrick Huard

Rose – 106 minutes, Denmark, subtitles, drama

Among a group of tourists travelling by bus from Denmark to Paris are two sisters, Inger and Ellen. The bus has barely hit the highway when Inger shares her mental illness with the rest of the party. This will be a journey they all will never forget.

Rose is a film about love and care for

each other, in spite of our differences, as much as it is a film about not judging a book by its cover.

The Old Oak – 113 minutes, UK/France/Belgium, drama

Imbued with the fiercely humanistic spirit that has defined director Ken Loach's filmography, *The Old Oak* serves as a fitting finale to a remarkable career.

A landlord, in a previously thriving mining community, struggles to hold onto his pub. Meanwhile, tensions rise when Syrian refugees are placed in the empty houses.

"Audience Choice Award" winner at the Sudbury and Calgary International Film Festivals

Boundless – 10 minutes, Canada, drama
Haliburton-raised filmmaker, Kate Campbell, brings us her multi-award-winning short film inspired by her grandmother's experience as a WWII Airforce Service Pilot.

Last time, Kate gave us an update on the production, this year we see the short, and then find out what's next. Kate will be present to introduce the film and for a Q&A.

More films will be announced as they become finalized.

Meanwhile, it is suggested to avoid watching the trailers for these films, as they can give too much away and take away from the magic.

Cost: \$60 for a pass, available at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6146449 or \$10 cash at the door where available. Passes are limited and selling quickly.

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Shoreline inspectors have busy six months with new bylaw

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton County bylaw officers conducted numerous property visits to probe compliance to the new shoreline preservation rules.

Stephen Stone, the county's director of planning, told council during its Oct. 11 regular meeting that those visits were undertaken after complaints had been made by the public.

Five site visits to post stop work orders have also occurred since July. One additional site visit was conducted from the water with a rented boat. Staff took the opportunity to survey the entire lake while in the boat to ascertain if any additional by-law contraventions could be observed.

According to a six-month activity report presented to council: "Property owners seem very open to the idea of having staff attend on site to inspect their properties and provide suggestions for their proposed shoreline projects."

Climate change is affecting waterways through rising temperatures, increased sedimentation and pollution, changes to hydrology, and more frequent and intense flooding and droughts.

Healthy, robust natural shorelines play an important role in protecting aquatic systems from the impacts of climate change by way of temperature moderation, wave attenuation, sediment and pollutant capture, erosion reduction, and the mitigation of storm surge and debris movement.

The bylaw, which only applies to Min-

den Hills, Algonquin Highlands, and Highlands East, came into effect in April and the first enforcement officer was hired in July. Dysart refused to adopt the legislation.

There's currently a staff of four shoreline bylaw compliance officers.

Stone said county staff has spent a lot of time educating property owners about what's expected at the shorelines.

"We offered to engage property owners right at the waterline and help them with their shoreline projects," he said. "So it was a very successful summer in that regard."

Two shoreline permits have been issued after site alteration has already occurred. Both, one in Minden Hills and the other in Highlands East, were issued in response to complaints received.

Another permit application has been received and input is required from owners and their contractor. Further details have been asked to be provided.

Sixteen legitimate occurrences have been reported by the public both via email and phone, with two additional occurrences being reported in Dysart et al.

Of the occurrences, six were in Minden, four were in Algonquin Highlands, six in Highlands East.

Eight occurrences are considered resolved as no contravention of the bylaw was observed or the activity was considered exempt. And eight occurrences are considered to be ongoing.

Two property owners received shoreline permits and will continue to be monitored until permits are closed.

Compliance officers issued four stop work orders which remain in effect. One

stop work order was later lifted as activity was considered exempt.

Three properties had work on municipally owned shore road allowances and require remediation.

"Owners have been encouraged to attempt to purchase their shore road allowances so that rehabilitation orders may be implemented," reads a report to council from compliance staff.

Two remaining outstanding property owners have been contacted and informed of the bylaw. Work has ceased and properties will continue to be monitored to ensure compliance.

Councillor Jennifer Dailloux, who is the deputy mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said it would be interesting to see after a

number of years how many "chunks of shoreline" has been saved from degradation.

"There are a few different ways, it sounds, that you're going to be able to arrive at that number that you've been able to help protect," she said.

Coun. Cecil Ryall, the deputy mayor of Highlands East, asked for an example in a future report of the magnitude of impact the bylaw will have had on shorelines.

"In the sense of without this bylaw we could've had some more serious challenges," Ryall said, and added that it would be good to show the public evidence of the good things the bylaw will have done for lakes.

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1:15 - Lunch

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by Midnight on Oct 22nd

* Pre-registration is needed for food ordering and seating arrangements.

Guest Speakers will be:

Rudy Buttignol C.M.
CARP President



Rudy is the new national President of the Canadian Association of Retired Persons. He comes to CARP following 30 years in public broadcasting. Rudy understands the importance of serving older audiences. And like Knowledge, CARP understands that growing the membership base is what fuels our vitality and our clout with all levels of government.

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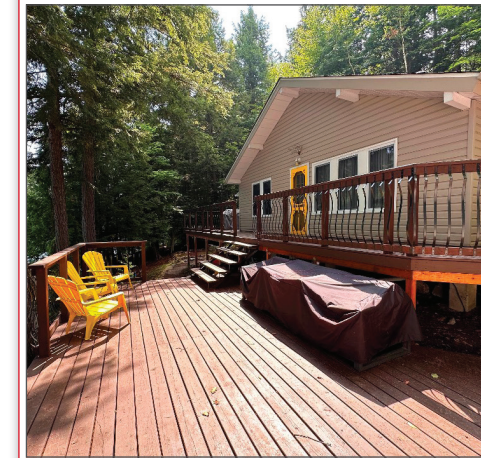
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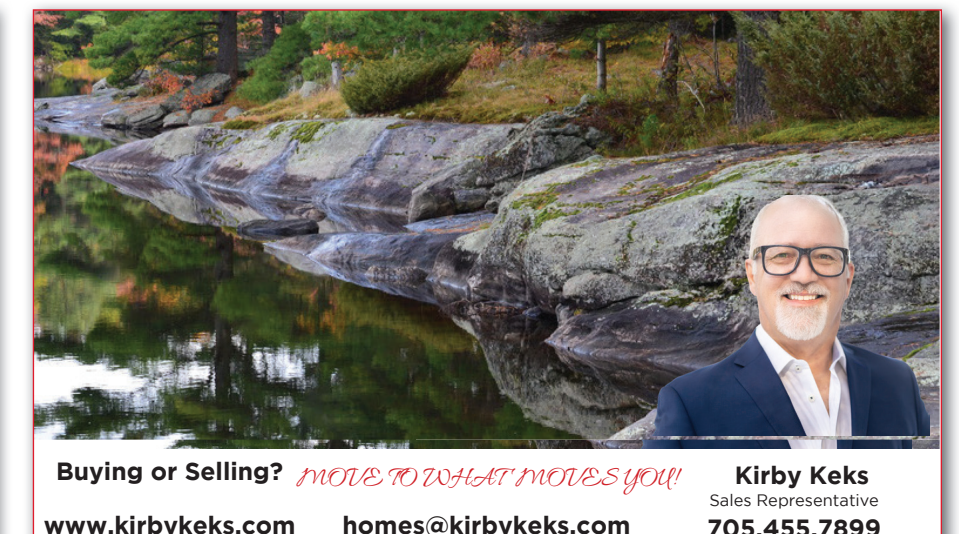
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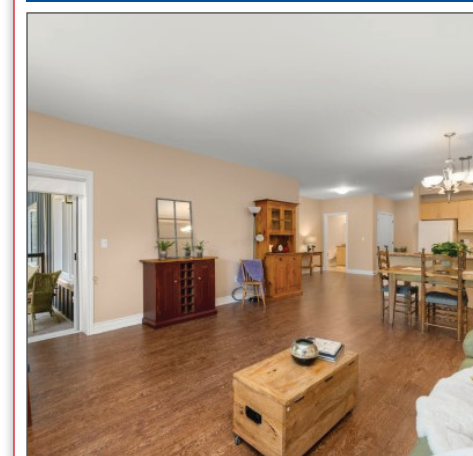
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- CLUES ACROSS

 - 1. Nocturnal S. American rodent
 - 5. Requesting
 - 11. Give temporarily
 - 12. Happiness
 - 16. Military branch
 - 17. __, denotes past
 - 18. Middle Eastern city
 - 19. Air hostesses
 - 24. Partner to Pa
 - 25. Percussion instrument
 - 26. Popular computers
 - 27. Decrease light
 - 28. Valley in the Osh Region
 - 29. "To __ his own"
 - 30. Absence of difficulty
 - 31. Notice announcing intended marriage read out in church
 - 33. Trims by cutting
 - 34. Impact
 - 38. Military member
 - 39. A French river
 - 40. Member of prehistoric people in Mexico
 - 43. Messenger ribonucleic acid
 - 44. Musician Clapton
 - 45. Greek sophist
 - 49. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
 - 50. Narrow valley
 - 51. A way to disentangle
 - 53. Indicates not an issue (abbr.)
 - 54. Recommending
 - 56. Genus of legumes
 - 58. Friend to Larry and Curly
 - 59. Off-Broadway theater award
 - 60. Fencers
 - 63. Small Eurasian deer
 - 64. Denoting passerine birds
 - 65. Separate by category
- 5. Developed over time
 - 6. Not the leader
 - 7. __ Lang (country singer)
 - 8. Adults need one
 - 9. Nests of pheasants
 - 10. Antelopes
 - 13. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
 - 14. Japanese three-stringed lute
 - 15. Type of cat
 - 20. Cools your home
 - 21. The ancient Egyptian sun god
 - 22. Pouches
 - 23. Trigraph
 - 27. Form of Persian spoken in Afghanistan
 - 29. __ route
 - 30. Body part
 - 31. Bridge building degree
 - 32. Indicates position
 - 33. Political action committee
 - 34. Tasty snack
 - 35. Part of a quadruped
 - 36. Locate
 - 37. Pitching statistic
 - 38. Of I
 - 40. City in Utah
 - 41. Football players in the trenches
 - 42. Hammer is one
 - 44. A "nightmarish" street
 - 45. Performers
 - 46. Slang for cut or scrape
 - 47. More breathable
 - 48. Most slick
 - 50. Provokes
 - 51. Home to college's Flyers
 - 52. Sodium
 - 54. Large fish of mackerel family
 - 55. Zero
 - 57. __ and behold
 - 61. The Palmetto State
 - 62. Popular Tom Cruise movie franchise (abbr.)

- CLUES DOWN
- 1. Colorless fluid part of blood
 - 2. Of a main artery
 - 3. Photographic equipment
 - 4. Confirms a point

Answers on page 14

Resident takes HE council to task over noise complaint

JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Some Gooderham residents feel their properties and even their lives were put at risk by a lack of bylaw enforcement at a non-permitted music festival.

And Ann Speers voiced those concerns to Highlands East council during its regular meeting Oct. 10.

Phantom Fest was a four-day, three-night camping and arts festival billed as a playground for grownups. It was held Aug. 26-28 at a privately owned site.

She said she's spoken to people in the vicinity of the festival site and was told about vehicles that blocked private camps and concerns that emergency vehicles wouldn't have been able to access the area.

The region was under a complete fire ban for much of the spring and summer because of conditions that were conducive to forest fires. She's received reports of camp fires at the festival site and at nearby private camp sites.

"Event attendees would have had to be severely sleep-deprived during this event," Speers said. "The risk of someone in that state accidentally starting a fire was significant."

She said the illegal commercial event not only disturbed nearby residents, it put everyone and their properties "at significant risk," she said. "And we had no recourse. None. For three days."

Phantom Fest featured amplified club techno music by several dozen named artists and DJs. The music consisted of loud concussive beats.

"It persisted into the late evening and was so loud I had to close my windows in order to watch television comfortably," Speers said. "Even with the windows closed, I could feel the concussive bass beats across the lake."

She woke at 5:30 a.m. the next day and the music was still blaring.

A social media thread was created to find out if anybody had known about the music festival in the area.

"At that point, information and outrage flowed," Speers said. "People lost sleep. Pets were agitated. Wildlife disappeared. One unverified post reported gunfire early Sunday morning."

"Outrage was widespread and at least 20 people expressed concern."

She said people were encouraged to contact the municipality and the Haliburton OPP detachment.

Speers said she filed a Freedom of Information request with the municipality and promptly found out that there had been non permit issued for the music festival.

"I learned after the fact that such a permit would not normally be applicable for events held on private property and the noise bylaw would indeed apply," she said.

Even though revellers were to leave by 4 p.m. on the Monday, Speers said the music erupted again at midnight.

Of course the event was unforeseen,

and Speers fretted about other future events that could bear similar risks.

As per the parameters of the noise bylaw, infractions can only occur between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. But bylaw enforcement staff are off the clock at those hours. That means the OPP should be informed of the bylaw.

"What happened here?" she said. "Deterrence is an important issue. This is the most egregious example of a noise bylaw violation that I can imagine."

Speers said the property owner and the event organizers should be charged under the noise bylaw.

Councillors had no questions or comments when Speers concluded. Her report was merely received as an information item.

"Do you have any comments for us?" Speers said.

"Questions? Comments?" Mayor Dave Burton asked of the assembled councillors.

Silence ensued.

"Is there any indication when we may hear from council on this matter?" Speers said.

"Sorry, Ann. I didn't quite catch that," Burton said.

"Is there any indication when we may hear from council on this matter?" she said.

"I still didn't catch it. I'm sorry," the mayor said.

"Is there any indication when we will hear from council on this matter? And, if you didn't hear that, did you hear my submission?" Speers said.

"I heard you that time, thank you," Burton said. "At this time, probably no. But we are certainly going to be looking into it. We are hoping to, I'll say, beef up our bylaw enforcement."

Burton said there's hope that enforcement staff will be available on weekends.

"And if bylaw is not available, have you liaised with OPP to try to hammer out an operational solution?" Speers said.

"I have been in contact with the OPP over the incident and I believe they are still, I won't say investigating, (they're) looking into it," Burton said.

The mayor confirmed there was no event permit issued by the town for the Phantom Fest event.

"Whether I had heard that possibly there may be one that could have been sent from the ... province, but I haven't heard anything back from the OPP on that," Burton said.

Speers said she'd emailed councillors about her concerns, but didn't get a meaningful response. She didn't hear anything from town staff that she'd been added to the meeting agenda as a delegation until she called to ask about her application, she said.

"And I find that extraordinary," Speers said. "And I hope that your communication with your constituents will be more proactive and transparent in future. I plan to follow this up and I hope for meaningful information in the near future."



'More than three words': remembering the life of Ryan Reesor

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

Caring. Compassionate. Hard working. Critical thinker. Friend. Husband. Son. Father.

When I write articles on people who have passed away, one of the first questions I ask those who knew them is for the top three words they would use to describe them so that our readers can catch a glimpse into their lives.

Words are powerful. They create an image of a person that although some readers may not know them personally, they feel a connection.

With Ryan Reesor, despite the many interviews and conversations I had with his friends and loved ones, I still don't think I could properly capture all the words that were used to describe him; the impact he had, and the lives he touched.

When I called Adam Thorn, his friend and colleague from the Algonquin Hills Fire Department, I asked if he had a minute to chat. Not knowing what I was calling about, he said yes. When I went on to say I wanted to learn more about Ryan Reesor, he simply said, "oh, I will need more than a minute then."

When I asked Ryan's wife, Amy, about her top three words for him, she took some time to consider before sharing her thoughts on the page. "Sorry, more than three words!" she said.

He was a man who paved the way for others to follow, while simultaneously stepping back and letting others lead. "There wasn't anyone else like him," said Adam.

Ryan Reesor grew up in the Haliburton Highlands with his family at Ox Narrows Lodge in Algonquin Highlands. He met his wife, Amy, when they both attended Haliburton Highlands Secondary School on the track and field team, and instantly became friends. "I remember sitting across from him at his family's business, Ox Narrows Lodge, watching him laugh one day," said Amy. "This was probably 20 years ago, and I can still see his face so vividly. He was laughing so hard and with such joy, his eyes were bright and his body radiated this energy, and I remember thinking he is the most beautiful man I had ever seen."

Their first real date together was at the Stanhope Fire Department Christmas party. "We married in 2008, but were together for 26 years," Amy said. "He was my best friend and made sure that I was always cared for and happy."

After graduating from Hal High, Ryan went on to take Humber College's Pre-Service Fire program, and continued working at Ox Narrows Lodge, as well as building homes and working in tree services. He worked for 27 years as a dedicated firefighter, in both Algonquin Highlands and Toronto, where he became Captain.

When asked about what Ryan would be most proud of, Amy did not hesitate. "His children," she said with confidence. "Ryan was an exceptional father. His purpose in life was to be an amazing dad to his kids." Amy shared not only did he support them in every way, but he was dedicated to giving his two children,

Anna and Anson, the gift of time. "Everything he did, he included his kids. If he was fixing something, he taught them what he was doing and had them do it with him. He played with them daily, sometimes for hours, laughed with them, read them stories, and helped them with their homework. He was an incredible father."

When Ryan wasn't at home, he would often be found at the fire department. Adam Thorn had vivid memories of working many shifts with Ryan as he learned the ropes of becoming a firefighter. "Some people just walk through life," said Adam, "and we all leave stepping stones along the way. But Ryan was the kind of guy that built a foundation wherever he went. People would learn from him, and he was always there to hold you up."

Adam shared that Ryan was the one who introduced the concept of shared emergency training across Haliburton County, ensuring that if additional support was needed on calls, everyone who showed up would be in sync, and working swiftly as a team. "I think that idea has helped us more times than we can count on our calls," said Adam, reflecting on the progress that has been made over the years surrounding the initiative.

At the age of 45, Ryan died in an accident on May 17, 2023. Upon his death, news outlets and social media blew up with memories and stories about Ryan. His impact was immeasurable, and his dedication to his family, his career, and his community were crystal clear.

On Oct. 1, friends and family joined together for what they hope to be the first of many poker runs in Ryan's name. "This weekend's first annual Ride for Ryan was the perfect day and perfect way to have some fun, enjoy the outdoors, give back to our community and the much needed fire services," said Brandi Hewson, one of the organizers of the event, "and above all, honour a pretty incredible guy who tragically lost his life far too young."

The event raised over \$3400, all of which was donated directly back to the Stanhope Fire Department, which Ryan gave his heart and soul to.

"We wanted to take the day and the moment to live a little and make the memories," said Hewson. "I think losing a friend so young reminds us of just how short life can unfairly be and how important it is to honour those who made an impact, and hold so tight to those special people, friends and family."

As the seasons have changed and the stories have continued to be shared about Ryan, perhaps there is joy in the words left behind. Because in a life so fully lived, sometimes there are still not enough words.

Amy was clear that there was one word that would always stand out for her: love. "Ryan told us each and every day that he loved us," she said. "He told the kids and I that we were beautiful and strong. And I know that he knew that we loved him because we told him. So be sure to say it each and every day to the people that you love."

Because those little words can make all the difference.



Captain Ryan Reesor, a Haliburton County local and firefighter for both Algonquin Highlands and the City of Toronto, passed away in May. His family and friends have spent the past few months celebrating his life and legacy. /Photo submitted



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Huskies stun Trenton in week six victory

ALEX GALLACHER
Special to the Echo

The Haliburton County Huskies concluded their week six campaign in the OJHL with a record of one win and one loss. While they expected to play three games against the Leamington Flyers, Markham Royals and Trenton Golden Hawks, the Friday night game against the Royals would be postponed due to the safety concerns. However, splitting the remaining two games, the Huskies have gained much needed momentum heading into their two game road trip in week seven.

Unlucky in Leamington

The Huskies made the five hour journey down the 400 series highways to the Nature Farms Recreation Complex in Leamington. The first of two OJHL expansion clubs for 2023, the Flyers came off a record year in the GOJHL JR B league. Going 35-11-4 in the regular season the Flyers beat the Stratford Warriors 4-3 to capture the Sutherland Cup.

A tough challenge laid ahead for the Huskies. Cameron Arquette drew first blood for the Flyers beating Logan Kennedy at the 6:59 mark. Antonio Cerqua tallied is first as a Husky to bring the squad back to level, but it was short lived as former Husky Alex Cunningham made it 2-1 Flyers heading into the first intermission.

Charlie Fink brought the Huskies back to even ground at the 1:36 mark of the second period, and sadly this would be the final Huskies goal as the Flyers would pull away scoring three goals in the second courtesy of Cunningham, Cayden Faust and Max Anderson. The third period would fair no better, Cunningham completed the hattrick against his former team while Cade Bell and Griffin Grunder sent the Huskies back home with a stunning 8-2 loss.

Huskies defenseman Hunter Martell left the game after taking an awkward fall into the boards. Martell was taken to a local hospital for precautionary checks, where he would be released the same night. Martell unfortunately would be out for upcoming games against Markham and Trenton.

Markham postponed

Game two of the weekend saw the Huskies head to Markham to take on the Royals. In what was going to be a fantastic tilt, Adam Smeeton smashed a pane of glass during the warmups. The glass shattered all over the ice, and after a lengthy clean up, a replacement pane of glass wasn't found until after both teams deemed they would revisit this game at a later date.

The match has been postponed to a too be determined date.

Glory against the Golden Hawks

If you are an OG Huskies fan, then you may know about the long and tense history between these two clubs. The Huskies and Golden Hawks have been bitter rivals since the beginning, with each game being more exciting than the last.

The Huskies took to the ice against the Golden Hawks on Saturday afternoon, and fans in attendance were treated to a barn burner. David Fournier opened the scoring for the Hawks four minutes in to the match, burying a feed in front of Vlad Visan to send the Huskies to the locker room down one. The first period saw a staggering nine penalties awarded, five for Haliburton and four for Trenton.

The Huskies penalty kill was on rails all night long, and did a stellar job to limit offensive chances and shut down a highly ranked Trenton powerplay unit.

Ty Petrou sent the Huskies faithful into a frenzy when he tied the game up at the 10:22 mark of the second period. Petrou's third of the season, give the Huskies momentum to do what many thought was impossible: beat the number two ranked Golden Hawks.

The third period saw the Huskies mount an assault on Ben Bonisteel and the Trenton goal. Out shooting the Hawks 25-16 over the last two periods, one of the shots was bound to find twine.

At 11:08 of the third, Captain Patty Saini tipped in a point shot from Jack Staniland to give the Huskies the



Huskies #75 Patrick Saini goes in for a shot against the Trenton Golden Hawks on Oct. 14 in Minden. /TIM YANO special to the Echo



Huskies pull off a 2-1 win against Trenton, who had only faced one loss in their 12 games prior to facing the Huskies.

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HHSS cross country stars

The Red Hawk Junior Girls Cross Country team of Grace Alder, Olivia Gruppe, Violet Humphries and Ella Gervais captured the second-place team title at the Bay of Quinte Invitational Cross Country Meet held Oct. 4 at Dunnett Orchards in Brighton. Violet Humphries led the junior team with a fifth-place finish, closely followed by Grace Alder 12th; Olivia Gruppe 13th and Ella Gervais in 25th. The team had the lowest score of the ten junior girls teams at the meet. /Submitted by Karen Gervais




Junior Boys Brechin Johnston and Evan Backus work together in the 5K race on a very hot day when the humidex was hovering near 30C. These conditions combined with tough hills and very little shade made it a challenging day for many runners who battled heat exhaustion. Evan finished fourth and Brechin seven th in a field of 54 runners. Erika Hoare ran a strong race on the Senior Girls 6K course, finishing in 8th as a first-year senior and Hannah Sharp was 53rd. Haiden Bird ran 29th in the 6K Senior Boys race. The athletes continue to work towards their OFSAA goals.



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Visitation & Celebration of Life

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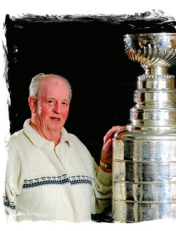
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Visitation & Graveside Service

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Their backs to the wall, the Redmen rallied to beat Fenelon Falls last Thursday in a game at home. For details, see page 6.



The Red Cross Homemakers are an integral part of Haliburton's health care system yet people know little about them. For more details, see page 11.



The teachers of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School raised \$600 for the Haliburton Hospital Expansion Fund. For details, see page 12.

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FCP wants to build on election's 'strong base'

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

After the fledgling Family Coalition Party garnered more than 2,400 local votes in the last provincial election, the Victoria/Haliburton candidate is determined to broaden that base of support over the next years until her party can become the voice of opposition at Queens Park.

The efforts of party volunteers "resulted in a surprisingly strong base on which to build for the future," says Diane Roblin-Lee. Considering that her party received its charter just two weeks before the election, the voter support was "phenomenal," she adds.

Roblin-Lee, a resident of Woodville, says that society has reached a crucial point in its development. Because she doesn't see any of the other parties steering away from a destructive path, she has agreed to stay involved with the party and politics.

"Personally I never wanted to be involved in politics but at this point there isn't much of an alternative," she says. During the September campaign, she says many of the people she talked to were very apathetic and discouraged about the political scene. Approximately half of the people who told her they'd support her party actually bothered to vote, she says.

The FCP isn't just focused around a few issues, Roblin-Lee says and all aspects of governing concern the party. "The family is not just an emotional unit," she says, countering criticism that the FCP appeals to people on very emotional issues such as homosexual rights and abortion. "So goes the family, so goes the society."

In their actions, past governments have been moving away from the values of the family and have been ruling for the sake of their governments, not the people. The FCP wants to bring governments back to the people, she adds. "We're not trying to impose our values, we're

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Alan Sisco unveiled a plaque at the Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College on Monday to commemorate the achievements of his father, Norman Sisco.

Norm Sisco's past alive at ceremony

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

There was no end to the complimentary adjectives used Tuesday afternoon to describe the enormous impact the late Norman Sisco had both on education in Haliburton and the provincial college system. Educators past and present, involved community members and family had gathered to honour a man with the best memorial anyone could have given him—naming the Haliburton campus of Sir Sandford Fleming College the "Norman A. Sisco Centre."

"My father really loved Haliburton; it was part of his life," said his son, Alan, as he unveiled the plaque near the entranceway to the campus. "I couldn't think of a more appropriate memorial than this."

Norman Sisco was the first principal of the Haliburton highschool and stayed here for five years before moving on to the Technological and Trades Training Branch of the Department of Education. It was while he was here that Sisco, Lorne Johnston and Dr. Herb Jackson began organizing Ontario's college system. In 1970, once colleges were springing up in communities in all corners of the province, Sisco was named the first full-time Chairman of the Ontario Council of Regents for the Colleges of Applied Arts and Technology of Ontario. He held this job for seven years before he retired. He continued to spend much of his time at his cottage on Drag Lake until his death last winter.

"We're honouring a great educator and making certain the progress of this section of the college continues," said Richard Gorwill, the chairman of SSFC's board of governors. Haliburton is unique, he said later, because it brought the college to the community instead of the more usual route. Besides being of benefit for the people who live here, the campus' presence acts as a mecca for artists in the summer when it operates the School of Fine Arts.

"Norm Sisco was a pioneer, visionary and a great leader," said Rod Rork, the interim president of the college. "We will continue to need pioneers whose idea of serving the environs of the community was not only progressive" but recognized the importance of community involvement for years to come. The Haliburton campus is a "testimony to the relationship between educational institutions and the communities they serve."

"He was our friend and mentor. His passion for quality, integrity, and respect for people made him the college system's spiritual leader," said the former president of SSFC, Charles Pascal reading from a speech he delivered at the 1987 conference of college associations. "He will be remembered for his outstanding courage and sensitivity, and for making his vision a significant and

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Rural posties next: union president

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

Except for the fact there was less mail than usual in local mailboxes, the recent postal strike seemed a long way away from the concerns of Haliburton County residents. But the president of the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants union says there is need for people dependent on rural post offices to fear the same things the inside workers were striking to prevent—loss of jobs and services.

What Canada Post is attempting to do is separate mail distribution from postal sales, such as stamps, mail orders and couriers, says Lloyd Johnson, the Haliburton postmaster who is on leave of absence to head

his union based in Ottawa. In larger centres, where a large population base is spread over a small area, that might make sense. People would benefit from being able to buy their stamps when they went to the drug store. But in rural areas, where the postal service is an integral part of the community and not easily separated into different areas, the result would be a negative one, says Johnson.

"What do you do with all the staff who are dual purpose," he asks, using Haliburton Village as an example. The staff there may sort the incoming and outgoing mail, stuff mailboxes or work at the counter on any given day. Part-time workers must be trained to do all jobs because when they come into work they'll be expected to do all things.

If you were to separate the functions at the Haliburton post office, you would go to Jasco to buy your stamps and then go to the post office to pick up your mail. In the city where mail is delivered to your door, or to a Supermailbox if you live in a subdivision, it doesn't matter too much that you don't get your mail from the same place you buy your stamps. In Haliburton it does.

The person in the city is paying the same percentage of federal income tax as the person in the country and since it is the federal tax dollars which fund the post office, Johnson doesn't think that's fair. "Why should I have to move to the city to get government services?"

Above all, the post office is a service, Johnson says, and should be

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Acres tries to deal with Trent Severn problems

TSW audit phase completed

by MARTHA PERKINS
Staff Reporter

While it is ready to investigate suggested changes to the management of the Trent Severn Waterway, the consulting firm doing a post audit on the system has already identified several areas where the operation of the system could be improved.

Acres International of Niagara Falls, Ont. has completed the draft of the Phase One report which outlines the history of the navigation and reservoir lake system, some of the problems which have developed over the past years, the present system of operations, changes to the computer system and data collection, and further areas of study in Phase Two.

However, some debate and confusion have arisen over a misinterpretation of the consulting firm's

future plans. While the report discusses changes to the current operating policy which "have been proposed by the public" and are subject to future investigation, concerns have been expressed that these are definite goals of Acres.

"Possible changes to the current operating policy will be assessed by first determining if the proposed change is both technically feasible and capable of influencing the operation of the system," Chapter Six on the work plan reads. "Proposed changes that are both feasible and influential will then be represented in the Simulation Module (part of the computer system which determines how much water should be drawn down from Haliburton County lakes.) Computer runs will be made for several canal operating seasons with a range of hydrologic conditions (wet, average and dry) to verify

feasibility and influence of the proposed changes."

At a public meeting in August at the Haliburton Legion, hundreds of cottagers, local politicians and interested parties voiced their complaints about the current management of the system. A warm spring, during which much of the snow evaporated rather than melted, was followed by a very dry summer. So much water had to be drawn down from lakes to keep the Trent Canal system at its required level, that many cottagers left for the city in mid-August because they were not able to enjoy the lakes' recreational opportunities such as boating, skiing or swimming. People were so upset by the lake levels that some proposed a boycott of municipal taxes.

"The general attitude expressed was that TSW assigns too high a

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Whenever there's a problem with the lake levels, the staff at the Trent Severn Waterway office in Haliburton is sure to hear about it. Quite often, people expect man can balance what Mother Nature metes out and are angry when this is impossible. Acres International is trying to help stop complaints before they happen.

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